

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 2-11 are pending. Claims 9, 2, 3, 10 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Larson et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,425,968). Claims 2-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Larson '968 in view of Vu (U.S. Patent No. 4,710,560). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Claims 9, 10 and 11 have been amended. New claims 12-19 have been added.

Turning to the rejections of claims 9, 2, 3, 10 and 11 as anticipated by Larson '968, the Applicants point out that claims 9, 10 and 11 as amended require each of coating composition components A, B, and C to be in separate apparatus components of the plural component apparatus. Applicants see no such requirement in Larson '968. Larson '968 does teach at col. 1, lines 59-61 that a catalyst may be present in a third component. However, unlike the current claims 9, 10 and 11, Applicants see no teaching in Larson to place a functional group-containing coating composition component in a third apparatus component. On this basis alone, claim 9 (and dependent claims 2 and 3), 10 and 11 are novel over Larson and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Claims 2-11 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over Larson '968 in view of Vu '560. Again, the Applicants respectfully traverse. Vu '560 fails to correct the deficiency of Larson '968. For this reason alone, the combination of Larson '968 and Vu '560 does not render claims 2-11 obvious.

In view of the amendments and comments presented, the allowance of the claims is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned if it could be helpful in advancing this application.

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